

Remarks

1. Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action mailed July 14, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 12 (and their dependents, namely claims 2-6, 8-11, 14, 15, 17, and 18) on grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 14 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/412,179. The Examiner also objected to claim 14 on grounds of informalities.

2. Status of Claims

Presently pending in this application are claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 15, 17, and 18, of which claims 1 and 12 are independent and the remainder are dependent.

3. Response to Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 14 as being dependent from claim 13 which has been cancelled. Applicants have corrected claim 14 to depend from claim 12 rather than from claim 13. Applicants believe that this correction overcomes the objection with respect to claim 14.

4. Response to Nonstatutory Double Patenting Claim Rejection

As noted above, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1 and 12 (and their dependents) on grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 14 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/412,179. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/412,179 is commonly owned with the presently pending application by Temic Automotive of North America, Inc., as both recorded on reel/frame no. 018430/0695.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Applicants believe that this submission overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 15, 17, and 18.

5. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of those claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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